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ICE TEAMS UP WITH LOCALS TO ARREST 3 MS-13 GANG MEMBERS

Arrests part of "Operation Community Shield"

WEST PALM – A 22-year-old citizen of Guatemala charged with aggravated battery, assault on a firefighter and shoplifting is among three members of the violent street gang "Mara Salvatrucha" (MS-13) arrested here under U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE's) anti-gang initiative "Operation Community Shield."

Miguel Pedro Gaspar was arrested without incident at his home in Lake Worth, Florida. According to ICE's investigative records, Gaspar was order removed by an immigration judge Jan. 31, 2005 but failed to leave the United States as ordered to do so.

"We are committed to identifying gang members like Gaspar who terrorize the communities we live in," said Keith Perniciario, acting special agent-in-charge of ICE in Miami. "ICE will continue working around the clock to disrupt and dismantle this criminal element."

Also arrested were brothers Efer Jonathan Roblero Aguilar, 24 and Carlos Hernan Roblero Aguilar, 21, both citizens of Mexico. The Aguilar brothers are being charged under section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) for entering the country without inspection.

All three are being held at the Krome Detention Center awaiting the outcome of their cases.

Today's arrests are part of "Operation Community Shield," an ICE national anti-gang initiative launched in March of this year to target members of the MS-13 gang. To date, ICE special agents, working with their federal, state and local counterparts have arrested more than 300 MS-13 members nationwide.

Operation Community Shield is designed to disrupt and dismantle violent gang organizations and prosecute their members by employing the full range of authorities and investigative tools available to ICE. Under this initiative, ICE is employing its broad immigration authorities, both criminal and administrative, against gang members

Operation Community Shield draws on strong partnerships and cooperation with existing federal, state, and local anti-gang efforts. Such partnerships are essential to the success of the initiative and to ensure officer safety during operations.

The Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, the Lake Worth Police Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, the U.S. Border Patrol and ICE detention and removal officers assisted with making today's arrests.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities